

# Denise Moreno Ducheny

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### SENATOR DUCHENY AND ASSEMBLYMAN TRAN INTRODUCE MEASURE TO FORMALLY RECOGNIZE THE FORMER FLAG OF VIETNAM

**Sacramento-** Senator Denise Moreno Ducheny (D-San Diego) and Assemblyman Van Tran (R-Costa Mesa) introduced Senate Concurrent Resolution 17 which formally recognizes the flag of the former Republic of Vietnam, displaying three red stripes on a field of gold, as the symbolic flag of the Vietnamese-American community in California.

According to the US Census, California is home to some 430,964 Vietnamese immigrants. The Vietnamese-American Community has made positive contributions to the historical, cultural, educational, and economic prosperity of California. Many Vietnamese-Americans regard this flag as more representative of their community as opposed to the flag of the current Socialist Republic of Vietnam.

Assemblyman Tran said, "Many Vietnamese-Americans, having fled persecution, find the display of the communist flag with the 'yellow star on red background' offensive and culturally insensitive".

"Formal recognition of the flag will assist Vietnamese-Americans in explaining their history as well as distinguishing their community from the citizens of Vietnam," said Senator Ducheny.

The flag with three red stripes on yellow background is proudly hoisted at the Vietnamese Memorial in Washington DC on Memorial Day and on the fourth of July. The "golden-yellow flag with three stripes" appears at every festival of the Vietnamese people anywhere outside of Vietnam, especially in the US. At least eight states and eighty cities across the US, including thirteen cities in California, have passed similar measures recognizing the golden-yellow flag with three stripes as the official flag of the Vietnamese-American community.

SCR 17 also permits the flag to be displayed on any state-owned property, or at any state-sponsored Vietnamese-American event or any public function organized by the Vietnamese-American community in the state.

*Senator Denise Moreno Ducheny represents parts of San Diego and Riverside Counties and all of Imperial County. Assemblyman Van Tran represents Costa Mesa, Garden Grove, Westminster, Fountain Valley, Anaheim, Stanton, and Newport Beach.*

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